and climatic conditions, diversion of land to other crops, delay in payment of cane price, etc.

(c) The Government have initiated the following measures to improve the level of sugar production in the country:

(i) Additional production of sugar factories during the period 1st of January, 1993 to 30th April, 1993, over the corresponding period during 1991-92 season, would be entitled to 80 per cent freesale quota, as against the normal 60 per cent.

(ii) The sugar factories which would undertake sugar production during the late crushing period i.e. 1st of May to 31st July, 1993 would be entitled to higher freesale quota of 72 per cent, as against normal 60 per cent.

(iii) The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for the current 1992-93 season has been increased to Rs. 31/- per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 percent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovey above that level. An advance announcement of Statutory Minimum Price of Rs. 32.50 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent has been made for 1993-94 season.

(iv) The ratio of levy to freesale sugar has been revised to 40:60 for 1992-93 season, as against 45:55 earlier.

(v) Zone-wise ex-factory levy sugar price has been notified with reference to the increased SMP of Rs. 31/- per quintal for 1992-93 season.

(vi) The Incentive Scheme for new sugar factories and expansion projects has been suitably revised.

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Statutory minimum price of sugarcane

2181. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recenty raised the statutory minimum price of sugarcane for the current crushing season;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the factors underlying the decision to raise statutory minimum price; and

(c) by which date the new sugarcane price will be enforced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Statutory Minimum Price of Sugarcane for the current 1992-93 season has been raised to Rs. 31/- per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent, as against Rs. 27/- per quintal announced in December, 1991. The increase in Statutory Minimum Price of Sugarcane has been made keeping in view the enhanced cost of production, return to the grower from alternative crops, the general trend of prices of agricultural commodities, availability and sale price of sugar, etc.

(c) The new Statutory Minimum Price for 1992-93 season would be effective from 1-10-1992.

Equipment at instrumentation centre Delhi University

2182. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that equipment worth several lakhs of rupees is lying unutilised in Delhi University's Instrumentation Centre;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to make the instruments functional?